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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY

1. WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE REPORTS REACTION TO TURKISH DECISION TO END OPIUM BAN. SAYS LIFTING OF BAN IS BREACH OF AGREEMENT AND "POSES A REAL THREAT" TO WORLDWIDE DRIVE AGAINST HEROIN ADDICTION. ARTICLE QUOTES JOHN BARTELS OF DEA AS SAYING THAT BAN SHARPLY CUT HEROIN ENTERING US. ALSO QUOTES KING'S REMARKS FROM BRIEFING. REPORTS EFFORTS BY REPS. RANGELL, WOLFF AND STEELE FOR IMMEDIATE CUTOFF OF AID TO TURKEY. CITES STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS SAYING RETALIATORY ACTION COULD AFFECT NATO.

2. NYT GINIGER REPORTS MITTERAND VISIT TO PORTUGAL. SAYS MITTERAND TO MEET WITH SPINOLA BUT MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT TO ATTEND SOCIALIST PARTY RALLIES. GINIGER DESCRIBES APPARENT STRENGTH OF COMMUNIST PARTY AND MODERATION IT HAS SHOWN IN LABOR SECTOR IN CONTRAST TO RECENT RADICAL

SOUNDINGS BY SOCIALISTS. SOARES IS ADMIRER OF MITTERAND AND EXPECTED TO FOLLOW MITTERAND STRATEGY OF ALLIANCE WITH COMMUNISTS FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES.

3. NYT FEATURES BLAND EDITORIAL "THE ROUTINE SUMMIT".

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OUTLINES AGREEMENTS REACHED AND NOTES THAT WHILE THEY

WILL NOT THEMSELVES "PREVENT A CLASH IF VITAL INTERESTS
COME INTO CONFLICT" THE "TENDENCY TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION
...HAS A VALUE THAT SHOULD NOT BE UNDERRATED."

4. MARDER AND KAISER IN POST DESCRIBE SUMMIT
ACTIVITIES AND AGREEMENTS WHILE NOTING BREZHNEV COMMENT
THAT SUMMIT RESULTS "COULD HAVE BEEN BROADER". REASON
THEY WERE NOT, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, IS WEAKENED POSITION
OF PRESIDENT NIXON. AS EXAMPLE OF RUSSIAN AWARENESS
NIXON POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES, ARTICLE NOTES THAT
BREZHNEV SIMPLY THANKED NIXON FOR INVITATION TO VISIT
US NEXT YEAR. ACCORDING ARTICLE THIS "STOPPED
DIPLOMATICALLY SHORT OF STATING THAT...VISIT TO US IS
TIED TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S CONTINUATION IN OFFICE."

5. EVANS AND NOVAK HAVE STRONG COLUMN (TEXT FOLLOWS)
ATTACKING PRESIDENT FOR "CALCULATED AND SELF-SERVING
EFFORTS TO ENSHRINE DETENTE AS SPECIAL NIXON
CREATION - ITS FUTURE COEXISTENT WITH HIS OWN". THIS
HAS "EMBARRASSED AND ANGERED HIS SOVIET HOSTS."
ACCORDING TO COLUMN, BREZHNEV APPALLED AND OFFENDED BY
NIXON REFERENCE IN TOAST TO "CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP"
AND THAT THIS PHRASE CHANGED IN SUBSEQUENT SOVIET TRANS-
LATION TO READ "RELATIONS BETWEEN US." COLUMN SAYS
NIXON BEING EFFECTIVELY SCREENED FROM INDICATION OF
SOVIET DISPLEASURE. CONTINUES BY NOTING SOVIET
"QUESTIONING" OF FUTURE OF NIXON AND DETENTE USING AS
EXAMPLE NIXON FAILURE TO COME THROUGH ON PROMISED TRADE

AND TARIFF ACTIONS. SOVIETS ALSO DISTURBED, ACCORDING
TO COLUMN, BY ATTACKS ON KISSINGER, REPORTS OF
HAK-PRESIDENT DISAGREEMENTS AND FAILURE OF NIXON TO SPEAK
OUT IN DEFENSE OF HIS SECRETARY OF STATE.

6. RESTON TREATS NIXON SPEECH IN COLUMN ENTITLED
"NIXON'S MOSCOW MESSAGE." SAYS NIXON SPOKE IN BROAD
GENERALITIES WHILE IGNORING "FACTS." TIES SPEECH TO
POLITICAL PROBLEMS AT HOME AND CLAIMS THAT NIXON "CAME
OUT ABOUT AS HE PLANNED. HE HAS NOT UPSET THE CONSERVA-
TIVES IN THE CONGRESS..AND AT THE SAME TIME HAS NOT
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BROKEN WITH THE RUSSIANS BY FOLLOWING TOUGH LINE PROPOSED
BY MR. JACKSON."

7. LONG PIECE BY CHALMERS ROBERTS COMMENTS ON PITFALLS
OF SECRET DIPLOMACY. GIVES EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL
DIPLOMATIC ACTION WHERE CONGRESS WAS FULLY INFORMED
INCLUDING POINTED SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER WILSON
MIGHT HAVE FARED BETTER ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS ISSUE HAD

HE TAKEN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VERSAILLES. USES
FDR AND UN AND TRUMAN AND KOREA AS EXAMPLES OF BRINGING
CONGRESS ALONG. IN CONTRAST HE NOTES THAT LBJ "PAID

DEARLY" FOR HIS SECRECY. CLAIMS THAT KISSINGER
HAS DONE MODERATELY WELL IN INFORMING CONGRESS ON
"GENERALITIES" OF SALT TALKS. YET HE SAYS "DETAILS
TOO ARE IMPORTANT." COLUMN CONTINUES BY NOTING THAT
"USUAL ARGUMENT FOR SECRECY IS THAT NO REAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN PUBLIC." YET IT SEEMS "THE
AMERICAN SIDE HAS USED THE ARGUMENT...AND CONTENTION
THAT THE US PLEDGED SECRECY TO THE RUSSIANS DURING THE
TALKS AS A CRUTCH TO KEEP FROM LETTING THE AMERICAN
PUBLIC KNOW WHAT ITS GOVERNMENT IS DOING."

8. STARTING TODAY S/PRS WILL REPEAT TO YOU NEWS
SUMMARY SENT TO SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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